

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated April 22, 2005, and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-11 and 17-19 have been amended. Claim 1 has been amended to require the baking systems to be aqueous baking systems as disclosed in original Claim 14. Claim 1 has also been amended to specify the components of the system. Support for this amendment is found in original Claim 5. The remaining claims have been amended to more clearly set forth the present invention.

Claims 1-8, 10-11 and 15-20 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Furukawa.

Applicants traverse this rejection in view of the amendment to Claim 1 to require an aqueous baking system. Claim 14, which was not previously rejected, required the presence of water and Applicants submit that Claim 1, as amended, is also patentable for this reason. Since Furukawa does not disclose the presence of aqueous baking systems, it is submitted that this reference fails to anticipate the subject claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa.

Applicants traverse this rejection for the same reason set forth above with regard to the anticipation rejection, i.e., that Furukawa fails to disclose aqueous baking systems. Therefore, regardless of when the solvent, which is now optional, is added to the system, Furukawa fails to render the subject claims unpatentable in accordance with 35 USC 103(a). Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2005, and in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

By Thomas W. Roy
Thomas W. Roy
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 29,582

Bayer MaterialScience LLC
100 Bayer Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205-9741
(412) 777-3820
FACSIMILE PHONE NUMBER:
(412) 777-3902
s:\shared\kgb\twr026am